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SUBJECT: DHARSONO REAFFIRMS INDONESIAN NEUTRALITY IN ICCS

REF: AMCONSUL CAN THO 0087 (NOTAL)

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1. IN MARCH 24 INTERVIEW WITH GOI NEWS AGENCY ANTARA, CHIEF OF INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT LT. GEN. DHARSONO, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN JAKARTA FOR CONSULTATIONS, REAFFIRMED INDONESIA'S INTEREST IN HELPING ACHIEVE INDOCHINA PEACE. DHARSONO SAID PROBLEMS FACED BY ICCS WERE RESULT OF DIFFICULTIES IMPEDING FUNCTIONING OF JMC, AND ALSO OF FAILURE OF TWELVE NATION PARIS CONFERENCE TO EQUIP ICCS WITH POWER TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS. COMMENTING ON CANADIAN THREATS

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TO WITHDRAW BECAUSE OF ICCS " INEFFECTIVENESS", DHARSONO
SAID HE FELT IT POSSIBLE THAT " OUTSIDE INFLUENCES" WOULD
PERSUADE CANADIANS TO REMAIN. DHARSONO REFUTED MISCONCEPTION
(WHICH HE SAID ORIGINATED WITH WESTERN PRESS) THAT INDONESIA
ALWAYS SIDED WITH CANADIANS VERSUS POLES AND HUNGARIANS
IN ICCS AFFAIRS. DHARSONO SAID INDONESIAN ATTITUDE IS
CONSISTENTLY BASED ON NEUTRALITY, AND THAT IT SOMETIMES
SIDED WITH CANADIANS, AND SOMETIMES WITH POLES AND
HUNGARIANS. ACCORDING ANTARA, DHARSONO SAID THAT IF
CANADA WITHDREW, ICCS WOULD REMAIN OPERATIONAL, BUT PARIS
CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO RECONVENE TO CONSIDER FURTHER
STEPS. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENT: DHARSONO (WHO IS FAMOUS FOR STRONGLY ANTI-
COMMUNIST VIEWS) MADE HIS PROPERLY NEUTRAL- TONED REMARKS
JUST BEFORE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF INDONESIAN ICCS
CASUALTIES AT CAN THO APPEARED IN JAKARTA PRESS. FACT THAT THIS
INCIDENT APPARENTLY ACCIDENTAL (REFTEL) NOT YET PUBLICIZED
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